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TOWN HALL CALENDAR

Sept. 1: LABOR DAY
(Town offices and buildings
closed)

Sept. 2: Town Council
regular meeting (7 p.m.)

Sept. 23: Town Council
regular meeting (7 p.m.)

Sept. 30: Town Council
work session (6 p.m.)

Meetings are in the Council
Chambers in building B at
Town Hall, 900 Seventh
Ave. Town Council regular
meetings are recorded and
broadcast (not live) on
GTV 11 (Time Warner 11,
AT&T U-verse 99).



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GARNER UPDATE

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TOWN OF GARNER BOND PROGRAM



Work officially began Aug. 25 on a vacant office building at 912 Seventh Ave. that will house the Garner Police Department once renovations are completed next year.

Construction Under Way on New Police Station

Construction began Aug. 25 on the new public safety facility for the Garner Police Department.

The new station, funded by bonds approved by Garner voters in March 2013, will be approximately 20,500 square feet—more than double the Police Department's existing space. The \$4.5 million facility, which will be located at 912 Seventh Ave. in a renovated building, is expected to be completed in about a year.

The new station will have a number of features that will make it a much-needed upgrade for police:

1) a training room that will allow the department to reduce unnecessary travel to other locations and will allow it to do more internal training; this room will also serve as a community room for meetings.

2) a conference room to allow meetings on site.

3) a significant increase in property and evidence storage space.

4) a secure parking area for employees and for bringing arrestees to and from the facility.

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Keep up with
the Garner Bond
Program at
garnerbonds.com.



A Message from the Mayor



Watch the mayor's "Great People in Garner" on GTVII (Time Warner II, AT&T 99) and on demand at garnernc.gov and youtube.com/townofgarner.

You'll see on page four that our longtime inspections director, Sandy Teal, is retiring at the end of August. I can attest to the outstanding



job that Sandy has done over the years and to his love for Garner. We have been lucky to have him serve our Town, and I wish him the best in retirement.

Sandy is a great example of the talented and dedicated staff that we

have working for the Town. From the police who patrol our streets to the Public Works crews who keep the Town looking spiffy to the inspectors who make sure things are built safely (I could go on, but I'm limited by space!), we have terrific employees with the Town who serve our citizens in important ways that impact their lives every single day. I want to take this opportunity to commend and thank all Town of Garner employees.

Speaking of your Town government, to learn more about how it

works, you can sign up for the next installment of Garner 101, a free 10-week citizens academy that meets weekly. For more information on Garner 101, or to sign up for it, contact Neighborhood Improvement Manager Reginald Buie at rbuie@garnernc.gov or at (919) 773-4446.

Have a great Labor Day weekend. See you around town this fall.

Ronnie S. Williams

TOWN OF GARNER BOND PROGRAM

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5) a workout space to support the department's ongoing commitment to fitness and safety.

"The new police facility will allow all department personnel to meet and work under a single roof," Chief Brandon Zuidema said. "It will also provide a single facility for the community to visit for police services. The facility will encourage better internal communication and will allow us to further enhance our ability to provide for public safety in Garner. We are excited about the opportunities that the new station brings, and we appreciate the support of the community for this project."

The Police Department is currently spread out among three different buildings in Garner. The department is expected to continue to maintain a presence at its Main Street building even after the new headquarters is completed.



This artist rendering depicts the front of the new police station at 912 Seventh Ave. The building renovation is being designed by ADW Architects.

In other bond-project-related news, improvements to U.S. 70 around Jessup Drive are set to begin after Labor Day and will be finished later in the fall. Also, a sidewalk project in Heather Hills is well under way and should be completed this fall.

In addition, the Town, working with Garner Revitalization Association Executive Director John Hodges, has completed the necessary land acquisitions to move forward with the planned indoor recreation center at the corner of Main and Montague streets.



CARNAVAL LATINO



Garner holds its second annual Carnaval Latino Sept. 28 on the GPAC back lawn.

Festival Feting Latino Cultures Set for Sept. 28

On Sunday, Sept. 28 the Town of Garner will present the second annual Carnaval Latino festival.

The festival celebrates the Latin American community in Wake County. It will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the back lawn of Garner Performing Arts Center, located at 125 Avery St.

The event will feature Latin party band Orquesta K'Che, which plays a mix of cumbia, merengue, bolero, Latin jazz and salsa. The afternoon will also feature UNC Chapel Hill's Charanga Carolina, specializing in Cuban danzón.

Latin food vendors will be on hand to sell concessions while local schools host craft and activity booths. This will be a fun and free event suitable for the entire family.

The Town is still seeking local food vendors, businesses, schools and performing artists to take part in this special event. For information on how to participate, please contact Jill McAllister at jmcallister@garnernc.gov or call (919) 661-4602.

Many thanks to the festival's media sponsor, Que Pasa! (quepasa-media.com).

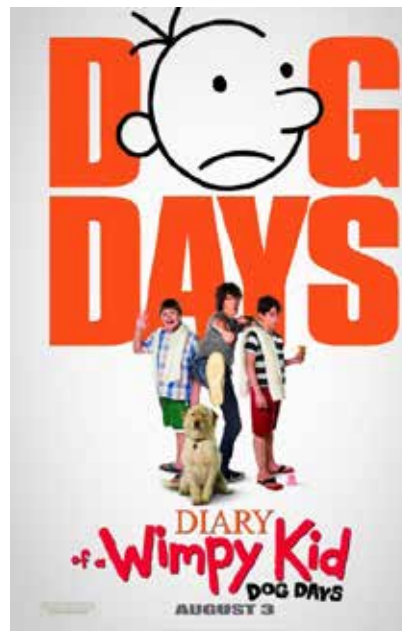
Movie Night at the Park Sept. 5

Bring your blankets and chairs out to Lake Benson Park (921 Buffalo Road) on Friday, Sept. 5 and enjoy the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department's Friday Family Flick. The featured movie will be "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days."

The 30-foot outdoor movie screen will be placed on the main stage, with seating on the grassy slope in front. Refreshments will be sold, but coolers are welcome.

The movie is FREE to the public. Come early to get a good seat. The movie will begin at 7:45 p.m.

For more information on this or other Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources events and activities, visit garnernc.gov or call (919) 773-4442.



You can follow Garner PRCR on Facebook and Twitter (@GarnerPRCR).



Firemen's Day Slated for Oct. 4

Garner's annual Firemen's Day will be held Saturday, Oct. 4 in downtown. The schedule of events is as follows:

11 a.m.-7 p.m.: barbecue plates, vendor stands, children's games
2 p.m.: parade starts
3 p.m.: live burn demonstration
3:30-7 p.m.: entertainment by the band 40 East
7 p.m.: raffle drawing

For more information, visit garner-fire.com/information/firemens_day.

Flu Shots to Be Available at Center Sept. 23

Flu shots will be offered at Garner Senior Center (205 E. Garner Road) on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Appointments and a copy of your insurance card will be required. A consent form for the shot also will need to be completed.

Most traditional insurance coverage, including Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the state insurance plan and Medicare, will be accepted. For the uninsured, there will be an out-of-pocket cost of \$25.

Registration is under way at the center on weekdays from 9:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Please see Rebecca with Resources for Seniors to register; don't forget to bring an insurance card. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (919) 779-0122.



Longtime Inspections Director Retires

Inspections Director Sandy Teal is retiring at the end of August after 25 years of service to Garner. Teal was recognized by Town Manager Hardin Watkins at the Aug. 19 Town Council meeting.

Watkins praised Teal's common-sense approach to problem solving, great customer service and keen sense of humor.

Teal served as inspections director during his entire tenure with the Town. He was Garner's first-ever inspections director.

Tony Beasley, who currently serves as the Town's economic develop-



Town Manager Hardin Watkins (right) lauds outgoing Inspections Director Sandy Teal (left) for his many years of service at the Aug. 19 Town Council meeting.

ment director, has been tapped to be Teal's successor. Beasley brings a

bachelor's degree from Appalachian State University and over 20 years of experience in inspections and code enforcement to his new role in Garner. He carries Level 3 certifications in building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and fire.

Beasley will be managing the Town's fourth-largest operational department with nine employees and a current fiscal year budget of \$768,000.

Town Manager Watkins will lead a full-fledged recruitment and selection process for the vacant economic development director position as soon as possible.

Report Issues Around Town with Garner Info

Would you like to be able to snap a photo with your smartphone documenting a pothole, code violation or other issue and be able to send it immediately to the appropriate department in the Town government? Well, now you can with Garner Info, a free mobile app that can be downloaded for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices (click hyperlinks to download). The app also includes listings for upcoming events, links to this newsletter and other things that keep you connected to your hometown.



Stevens Honored for Service

Longtime News and Observer high school sports reporter and Garner native Tim Stevens (left) was honored at the Aug. 19 Town Council meeting. Stevens was this year's recipient of the James R. Stevens Service to Garner Award. The award, named for Stevens' father, is bestowed on a citizen for their many years of service to the Town. Stevens helped launch the Garner Performing Arts Center's award-winning BroadwayVoices series and this past year organized the Garner Veterans Memorial Salute to the Troops show. For more information on the James R. Stevens Service to Garner Award, contact Deputy Town Clerk Kim Moffett at kmoffett@garnernc.gov or (919) 773-4456.

Next-Day Solid Waste Pickup Labor Day Week

The Town of Garner will provide next-day solid waste service for all routes during Labor Day week (Sept. 2-6) with no service on Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 1). For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (919) 772-7600.



Learn more about GPAC at garnerperformingartscenter.com.